

V.A.A Newsletter

February Vintage Aeroplane Association Of California, Inc. 1990

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Dues are due. Dues for the club are six (\$6) dollars per year, they haven't changed in twenty years or more, and are due on the first of the year. Most members are on a yearly basis, but if the date on the address label shows a different date simply calculate 50¢ per month and remit the amount to our new treasurer

Bill Mallory
410 E Fariview
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Many thanks to our retiring treasurer, Elda Nielsen, I'm certain Bob helped a little. Incidentally, the Nielsen troop also furnish the address labels all neatly printed and take care of the membership rolls, without those labels our mailing staff and stamp-licking department would really burn the midnight oil. People like this make the club go 'round.

MANY THANKS

Welcome to new Tom Schamber, the proud owner of 1947 Piper PA-12 Super Cruiser, N4109H which has been newly restored. Welcometo Doug and Bev Cook of Yorba Linda, that's all we can tell you for now, but I'm certain they will drop a line and give us more details.

Welcome to Jim Love, just plain interested and wants to get involved with antique airplanes.

Also, a nice letter from Earle and Dorothy Thompson, who are now living in Port Angeles Washington. Picture in the back yard shows two deer and the view in the front yard is a step away from Juan De Fuca Strait, (Speaking of straight)

Saturday morning, 10 February, a memorial service was held for Albert J. Kiefer, at Mountview Cemetery in Altadena. "Al" passed away after battling emphysema, although he did not smoke. Three planes flew by and Al's Chief "Headed West" after breaking away.

Al was born 20 October 1917 and attended So. Pasadena H. S. and then went on to Pasadena City College where he studied airplane construction under Max Harlow, and eventually went to work for him in Alhambra, building the Harlow airplane. From there he went to Northrop for 36 years where he worked on the computerization of material control. He had retired from Northrop.

Among his many projects through the years, Al rebuilt a WWI Jenny authentic to the last detail, rebuilt a Waco 10 with a Tank engine and as his last project had rebuilt an Aeronca Chief from a pile of bones.

Al was an accomplished musician, and was one of the founders of what was then called the Antique Airplane Association of California which is now the Vintage Aeroplane Association. Goodbye, dear friend, may all your landings be as light as the ocean's foam.

A coming event of interest to VAAC members will be CASA GRANDE on March 3 and 4, Saturday and Sunday, in times past many of our members managed to make this event, and always manage to have a fun time.

SUNDAY 18 March is a date to mark the calendar for the Don and Sue Johnson Chili Hoedown at Corona. They have asked that those people with last names starting with A through L bring chili, and those for the rest of the alphabet bring salad, dessert or bread. Fly or drive but be there, plan to start around ten o'clock. Call Sue and let her know you are coming and what you're bringing so that she can make her plans: Day phones: 213 9216674 or 714 5218850 or evenings home phone is 714 7731717.

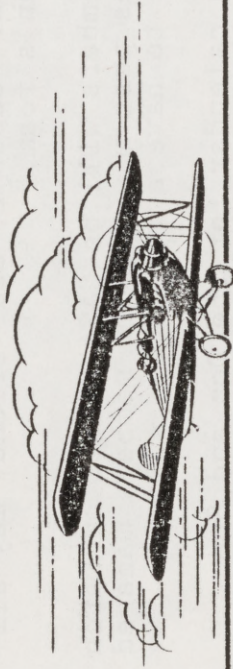
Sunday 20 May, Hangar party and Swap meet at the Marc Herman hangar at WHITEMAN AIRPORT. Bring all your unwanted parts, airplanes, tools, instruments, memorabilia and trade it for something that someone else doesn't want can't use or is trying to get out of the garage and replace it with something equally useless. There will be hamburgers and salad and if you've a mind to bring along a dessert that will finish off the eating part of the program. Remember Whiteman has a spanking new tower with its very own frequencies: Tower 135.00 and ground control 125.00. It will probably be best to just give your N number, don't confuse the controllers with all those foreign names, they keep calling the Tiger Moth a "Jennie".

It happened last summer, but then it is still worth mentioning: Did you know that Chuck Alley has an aerobatic competition named after him. It was held at Porterville, and is probably an indication of the way people feel about a guy who climbs into his Pitts and goes out and wrings it out for the sport of it. More details if he ever slow down long enough to ask more questions.

So now we will continue the story of Dave Davidson and his preparations or his trip to Alaska: will he be able to surmount all the necessary paperwork, legal obstacles, and after he loads all this paperwork into the aircraft will he be overgrossed? So we start off in the second installment of the trials and tribulations of Dave Davidson.

Upon receiving all these materials I decided on a first of July departure from Denton, Texas where I hangar my airplane. I started plotting magnetic courses and mileages between navigational points, fuel and overnight stops, latitude and longitude for eventual entry into my Loran set. I found that I was OK with my normal 30 gallon tank (3 hours and 10 minutes) fuel supply all the way to Kotzebue, Alaska, out from Kotzebue to Barrow was 394 nautical miles and would take me almost four hours to make it. Also for Barrow, I might not be able to buy fuel for my return flight to Kotzebue? These facts dictated that I needed and assurance that I could obtain fuel for my return flight and I needed another fuel tank for the "Charger". My weight and balance calculations showed that I would be OK with a 20 gallon tank in my baggage compartment. I tried without success to find a flexible tank that I could stuff in there, so I opted for a 20 gallon baffled aluminum tank to fit in the front seat. When I built the Charger I installed and additional on/off fuel valve and tubing in case I ever wanted to fit a belly tank for longer range. So, when I finally strapped the 20 gallon tank into the front seat all I had to do was to clamp a hose between the valve and the tank.

I know that a lot of people fly their airplanes to Alaska, but once they are there, Fairbanks and/or Anchorage, they turn around and fly home. Maybe this is because west or northbound out of Fairbanks (except for a few miles) virtually no roads or railroads exist and except for airports at the towns and villages there is no place for a forced landing except into the trees or a river or lake. I decided that it would be nice if besides filing my flight plans with the FAA, the USAF, through their radar sites and the DEW line radar sites, could help me with the flight following. So, in March 1987 I wrote four letters, (1) to Transport Canada Aviation for permission to fly my Experimental Homebuilt in Canada (2) To the USAF Air Defense people at Peterson AFB Colorado Springs Colc (3) To the Commander Eielson AFB Fairbanks Alaska for permission to land there and coordinate my flight further north, and (4) to the airport manager at Barrow Alaska to see if I could buy fuel for my return flight to Kotzebue. I received nice cooperative letters from everyone. John Hendricks, Airport manager, Barrow was especially helpful, not only did he say that I could buy fuel, but he took the time to give me lots additional information for my flight, including survival and rescue should I be forced down. Captain Rose at Colorado Springs also gave me additional information. That's all for now, gang, See you next time.



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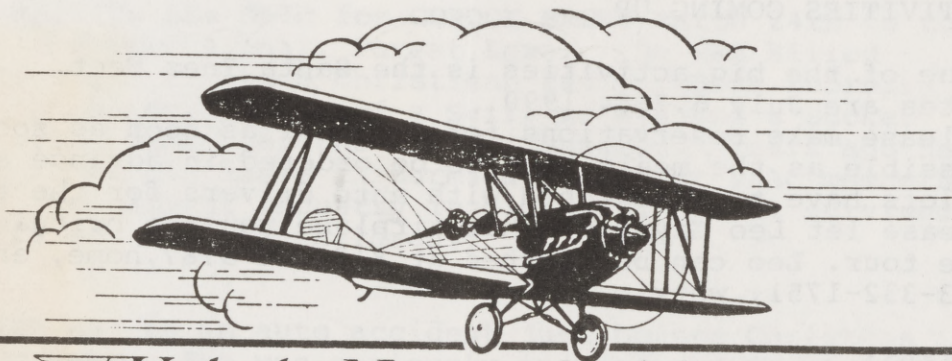
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April, 1990

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year everything came together and the Corona meet was wonderful. The weather was good, no problems on the runway, good friends, good food. Good friends are the best part of this old world we live in.

Our next activity at Whiteman airport should be fun too. Do some Spring cleaning in your hangars or garages and bring something to tempt the rest of us collectors. you probably have something we just can't live without. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. The date is May 20th, 1990.

Connie.

Also from Connie is word from Geri Snyder that one of the airplanes in the World Vintage Rally has an all-girl crew and are members of the 99s.

Sorry to report that Bill Lusk and Lars de Jounge are out of the Rally, havang landed in France in extremely high winds and broke the landing gear and prop of the Tiger Moth. (Thay were flying in the company of a J-3 Cub and the wind broke the window of the Cub while it was still on final approach). Lars and Bill decided not to repair and continue unaccompanied.

Now we have no one to keep us informed on the progress of the Rally. If anyone receives any news, please let us know.

ACTIVITIES COMING UP

One of the big activities is the Santa Ynez Meet.
Dates are July 6,7,8, 1990.

Please make reservations for the tour as soon as soon as possible as the meals have to be ordered in advance and pilots have to be matched with auto drivers for the tour. Please let Leo Gay know what airplane you are bringing to the tour. Leo can be reached at 818-244-9787, home, and 213-332-1751, work.

MOTELS:

Motel 6, Buellton phone 805-688-7797
Ramada Inn, Buellton phone 805-688-8448
King Frederick, Solvang phone 805-688-5515
Royal Copenhagen, Solvang phone 805-688-5561
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Another big event is the Hawthorne Air Faire
Dates are August 25 & 26 1990

There will not be parking space for Vintage Aircraft, as was the case last time because there will be 16 P-51s, 6 B-25s and a DC-2 and a Spitfire.

Many variations on the chili theme were enjoyed at The JOHNSON'S hangar party in Corona March 18th. Good weather encouraged many members and their friends to attend. Video tapes and MAL STRATFORD'S birthday cake made the Sunday event memorable. Yes, MAL really did extinguish ALL of those candles in one puff.

Thank you DON and SUE for sharing your hangar with us.

Member TONY LEVIER was heard on ABC radio in the wee hours of the morning March 24th. He exchanged many interesting tales of aviation adventures with those who called him on the talk show. Very interesting, TONY.

Memorial service was held for GORDON BROWN March 24th in the Church of the Reccessional, Forest Lawn. He was killed March 18th while flying a Christisan Eagle. Born February 3rd 1922 in CANada. He owned a Swift an A36 and a Bucker AT6. He was a member of the Condor Squadron. Years ago he had a fly-in at his house in Burmuda Dunes for VAAC members. He was in the garment industry in Glendale. He is survived by his wife Joy and his children.

MARY HECKER was in an auto accident just before Christmas in Borrego Springs. She was seriously injured and is still having trouble with her fractured ribs and sternum. We wish you a speedy recovery, Mary.

MARC HERMAN has sold his Tiger Moth which was distroyed a couple of weeks ago when it crashed into a tree. The accident happened in Oregon. The new owner was killed while his passenger survived.

MARC has sold his Bonanza and is now the new owner of a Comanche.

Marc tells us that JOHN INNES is making progress on his Eagle Rock at Whiteman Airport.

Sunday May 20th: Swap Meet and Hangar party at Marc hermans hangar at Whiteman Airport. Bring parts, planes tools, instruments and memorabilia to trade. Hamburgers and salad are for lunch. Bring a dessert to share if you like.

NEW MEMBERS

DONALD AND JEAN ARMSTRONG, Glendale has a 1965 Piper Comanche 260B
MICHEAL ROTHMAN, Los Angeles.

BOB HUFF, Westlake Village.

THOMAS HEMLER, Hollywood.

BOB PETERSON, Woodland Hills

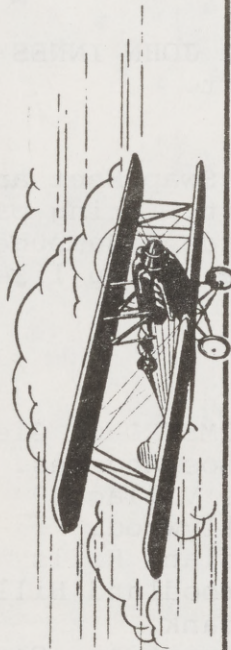
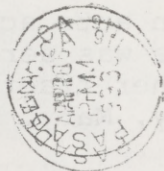
MICHEAL O'LEARY, Woodland Hills.

JUSTIN WILDE, Burbank.

BOB HEER, Coyote aviation, Corona Airport. Has a 1940 Aeronica Defender.

Sorry we do not have more information on some of our new members, however, WELCOME to all of you.

SEEN AT CORONA

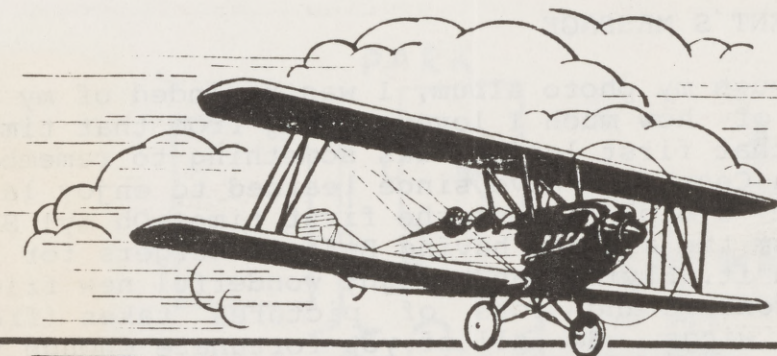


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Looking through my photo album, I was reminded of my first flight and of how much I loved flying from that time on. Even though that first landing was something to remember; a sideslip in a Cessna. I have since learned to enjoy landing that way in a biplane, but the first time! Oh my! Seeing Catalina from the air and having Buffalo burgers for lunch made it worth it. Flying has brought wonderful new friends, fun and adventure-and lots of pictures taken (framed) between two wings. So all of you fortunate enough to be interested in Aviation, enjoy one of the greatest adventures around.

Come to our next outdoor get-together at Whiteman Airport for more of that enjoyment. Tail winds and happy landings to those flying--and clear freeways to those driving.
CONNIE.

MORE FROM CONNIE

We should have a new member by now. His name is Bob Scott. He lives in Yucca Valley and owns a 1948 Cessna 170. He states that that is the only year that the Cessna had a fabric covered wing.

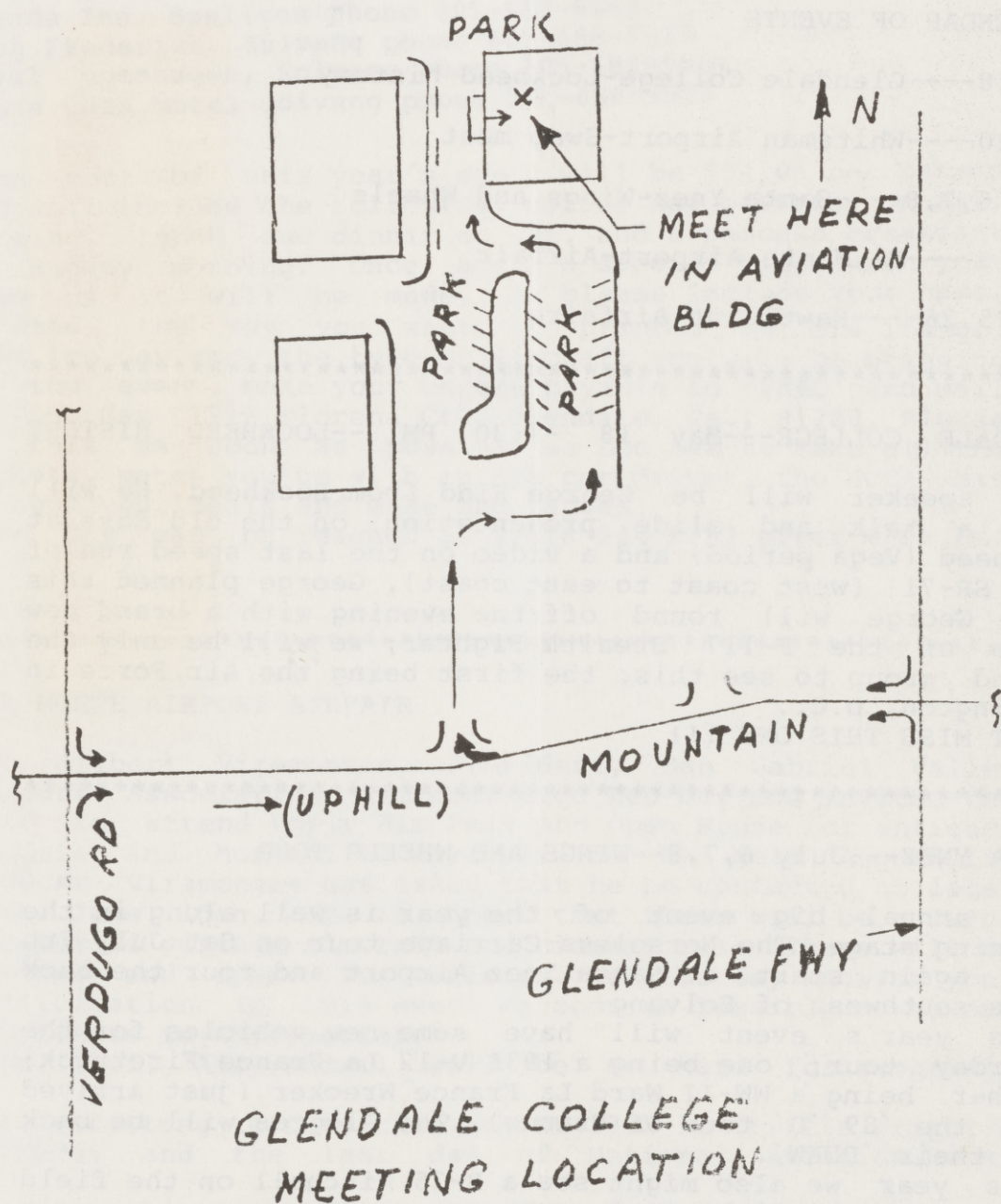
Bob earned his A&P in 1947 at Glendale College-the first class to do so. He is now retired from Pan Am.

WORLD RALLYE REPORT

The Fairchild developed an oil leak that caused smoke in the cabin and so they made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia. The landing site was a road on top of something like a dike. The road was only inches wider than the Fairchild landing gear. After fixing the oil leak it was decided to take off with only the pilot on board. The passenger would take charge of luggage, cameras and video cameras to lighten the plane.

The take off was not successful; the plane slipped off the edge of the road; pilot not hurt.

When the Saudis came along they arrested the two as spies-because of the camera equipment. The Saudis cleared the road with a Bulldozer-no more Fairchild! The pilot and passenger were released from jail the next day. At that time, mid April the rest of the airplanes were in India.



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May 18----Glendale College-Lockheed history

May 20----Whiteman Airport-Swap meet

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GLENDALE COLLEGE---May 18 -7:30 PM --LOCKHEED HISTORY

Our speaker will be George Kidd from Lockheed. He will give a talk and slide presentation on the old days at Lockheed (Vega period) and a video on the last speed run of the SR-71 (west coast to east coast). George planned this run. George will round off the evening with a brand new video of the F-117 Stealth Fighter; we will be only the second group to see this, the first being the Air Force in Washington, D.C..

DON'T MISS THIS ONE !!!

SANTA YNEZ---July 6,7,8--WINGS AND WHEELS TOUR

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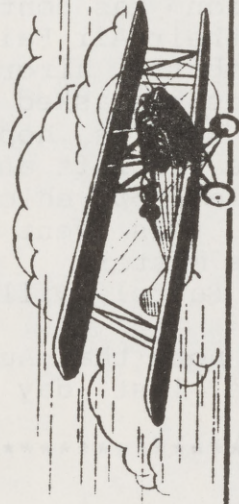
It is fitting to note that August 19th is Orville Wright's birthday and the last day of National Aviation Week.

We should mention the artist we had with us at the last meeting, Harold Cleworth; the painting he brought with him was truly outstanding. He is very well known in the automotive field. "Auto week" proclaimed him "The Painter Laurate Of The Automobile". As he does more airplane paintings prints and posters will become available which will give many people the chance to own his work. His originals are priced beyond most of us, but the prints should not be.

Connie Clark has a brochure and info. available to those who want it.

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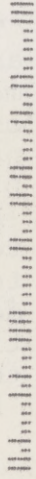
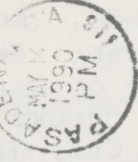


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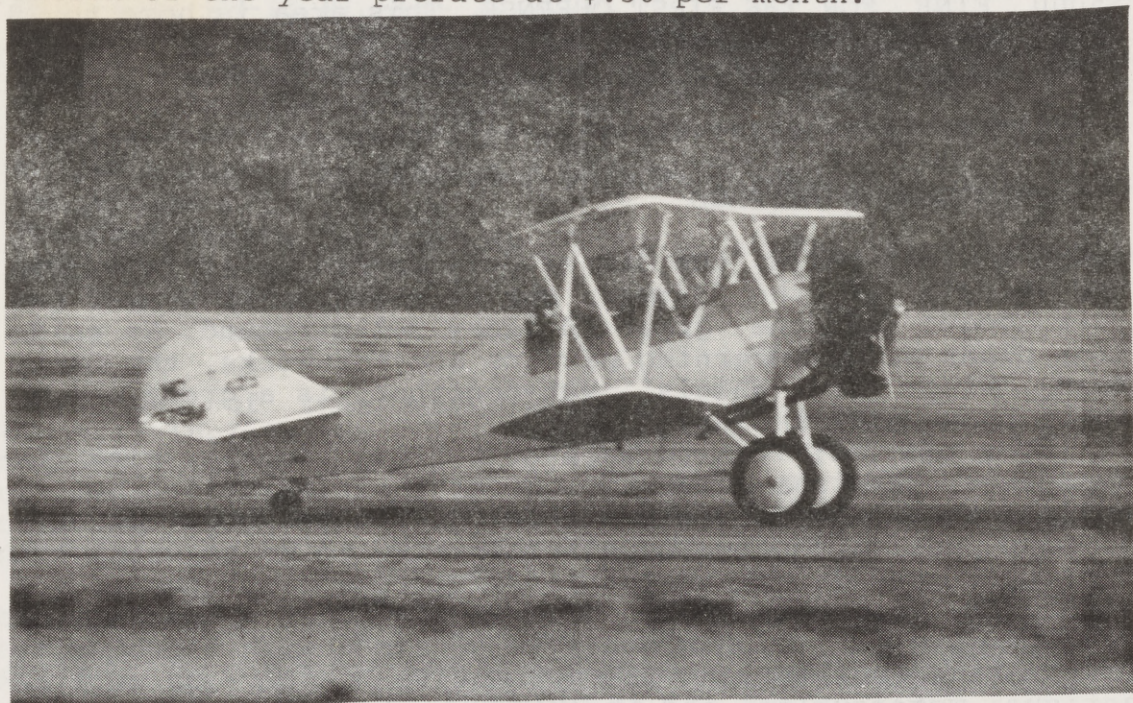


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Thanks to Frank Compton we have the following warning: DON'T BUZZ LAKE CACHUMA. TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN \$5000 FINE FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE. This area is home to 28 Bald Eagles and 4 Golden Eagles and the Dept of Fish and Game is policing the area. Beware if flying to Santa Ynez.

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When I was a child, the 4th of July seemed as if it was in the middle of the Summer; now it seems as if Summer has just begun as the great Holiday rolls around. So aside from plans made concerning picnics and fireworks, the Santa Ynez "Wings and Wheels" get-together is a great way to start the summer season.

I know we all look forward to getting together with the Horseless Carriage Club for one of their marvelous tours, and a weekend that promises a lot of fun and good friends, ol and new. It is always fascinating to me to watch the continual parade of our beautiful vintage airplanes giving rides to the car drivers on Sunday. What a fascinating collection of aviation history to go along with the equally fascinating collection of automotive history- as well as antique motorcycles and military vehicles. No wonder "wings and Wheels" weekend is so great.

Remember to wear your badges.

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HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP AN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMAL:

Contact DOCTOR ROBERT N. CLEAVES 1224 Roberto Ln, Los Angeles, CA., 90077-2334, phone 213-472-2593 if you have a light plane, or if you know of a plane such as a Super Cub, for under \$20,000. He will immediately put it to use in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa, to combat poachers who threaten the existence of the Black Rhino (3,000 remain now, whereas 1000,000 existed in 1960).

REPORT ON THE WORLD RALLYE from Lars de Jounge:

A J-3 Cub of Bob and Diane Dempster added a belly tank in Alexandria Luxor Egypt but it was too late to continue to Australia, so they shipped the Cub back to the U.S.

Two young girls in a Tripacer had it blown over while taxiing in Bangladesh.

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A Beechcraft with two older ladies made it to Australia, but crashad short of the runway; the plane was a total loss.

Final report is that 13 planes made it to Australia.

Minutes of general meeting (at Glendale College)

May 17, 1990

Activities chairman Leo Gay called the meeting to order at 7:55 P.M.. Bob Nielsen read a letter from Dale Anderson, who sends greetings to everyone.

Bob Cleaves, one of our original members, was introduced. Then guests were introduced: Ralph Baxter and grandson Seth Wolf, from Torrance (Ralph owns a Waco); Carl Friend from Lockheed; Sam Whitsett from Lockheed; Sam Puma from Northrop and retired from Air Force; Kathy Rau from Northrop; Grant Wright, an artist from Northrop.

Minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given and showed a balance of \$1,435.06 as of this date.

New and old business: none.

Activities were announced by Leo Gay:

Santa Ynez--July 6,7,8. There will be more military vehicles there; send in \$34.00 per person

Hawthorne--August 25& 26

El Monte--no date given (contact Leo Gay).

Whiteman Hangar Party--May 20 at Marc Herman's hangar.

Santa Paula--End of September

We broke for refreshments at 8:10.

Program:

Bob Cleaves spoke about his past and current projects. Formerly he was in the Rhodesia Security Forces and now he is on the Wilderness Foundation Board in Zimbabwe. He is

heading a project for them looking for a used Super Cub which will be used to look for poachers. He needs help in finding an aircraft and asked our members to let him know of any available airplane.

Leo introduced George Kidd from Lockheed who spoke on the SR-71 and F-117 aircraft and showed film of them.

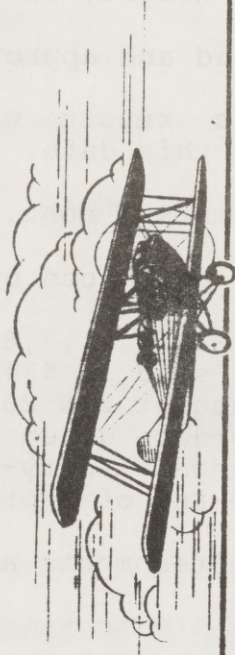
New members:*****

Thomas Miriam Thorin, 4852 W 133rd St. Hawthorne, Ca., 90250
Thomas has a 1954 Cessna 170B, N2819C, S/N 26362
Best C-170 at Merced 1989
Full IFR

One time STC for C-175 wings (Larger fuel tanks)
Avcom 180 HP Lyc. engine conversion.

Phil and Darlene Brown, 24726 Fowl Rd., Newhall Ca., 91321.
Phil and Darlene fly a 182 and a reverse "Stagger Wing"
Waco, based at Whiteman Airport.

Sam Puma of Northrop.

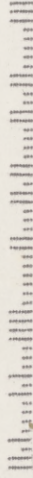


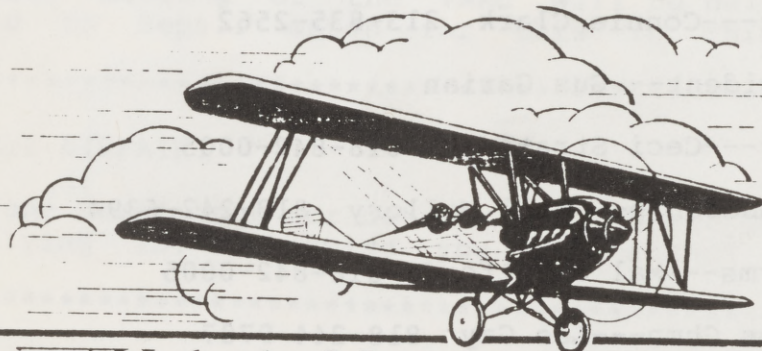
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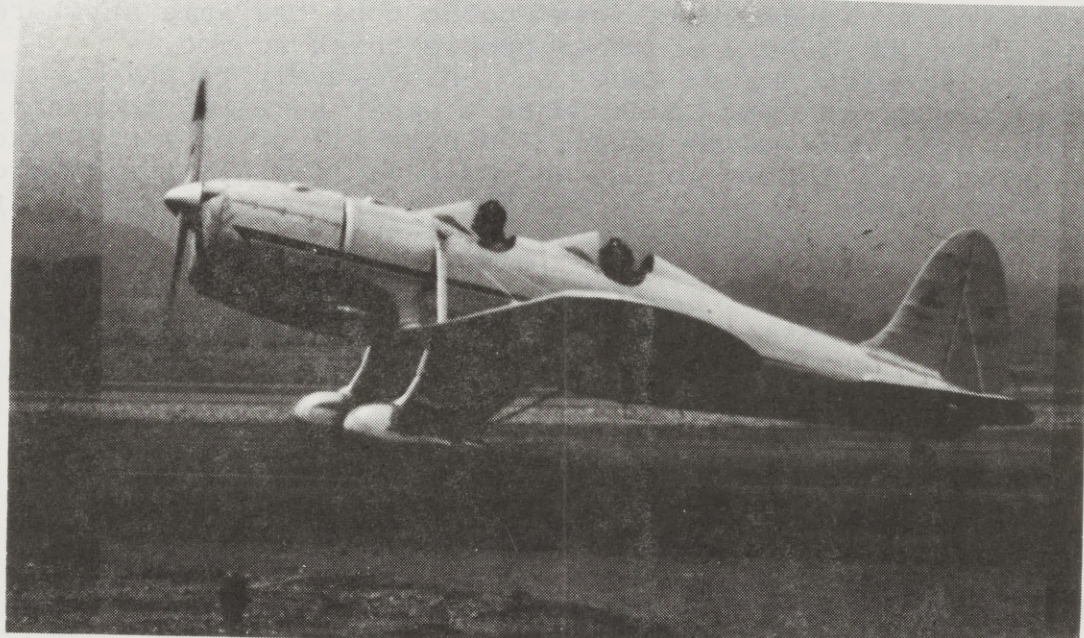


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Santa Ynez Wings and Wheels gathering was so large this year that I think we should order a larger airport for next year! Actually it just wouldn't be the same anywhere else. Obviously lots of other people think so too.

We did miss Dave Rice and his lovely trophies. The Saturday night BBQ just wasn't the same without him.

The band was fun as usual. I'm sure all of us would like to give many thanks to Leo and June Gay for all their hard work to make such a wonderful event possible; and it certainly was wonderful.

Connie.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 19---El Monte Airport--Airfair

Aug. 25,26---Hawthorne Airfaire

Sept. 21,22,23---Reno Air Races, Reno, Nevada

Sept. 29, 30---Santa Paula Hangar Party

The next meeting of the VAAC will be held at Glendale College in Sept.. watch for this in this newsletter.

EL MONTE AIRFAIR:

See June newsletter for details and contact Leo Gay if you are flying in. Otherwise you may attend on your own.

HAWTHORNE AIRFAIRE:

If you are planning to fly in to the Airfaire, aircraft parking spaces are limited, so contact Leo Gay.

On Sat., Aug. 25 a squadron of WW-II P-51 Mustangs and a flight of six B-25 Mitchell bombers will fly over and land at the airport, located at 120th and Crenshaw.

The airport will be open to the public from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

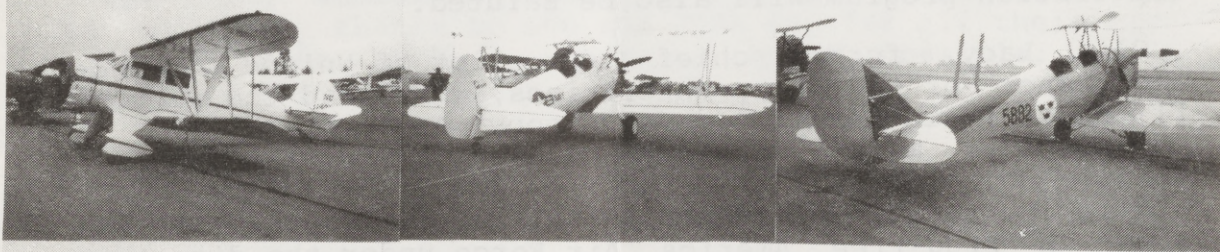
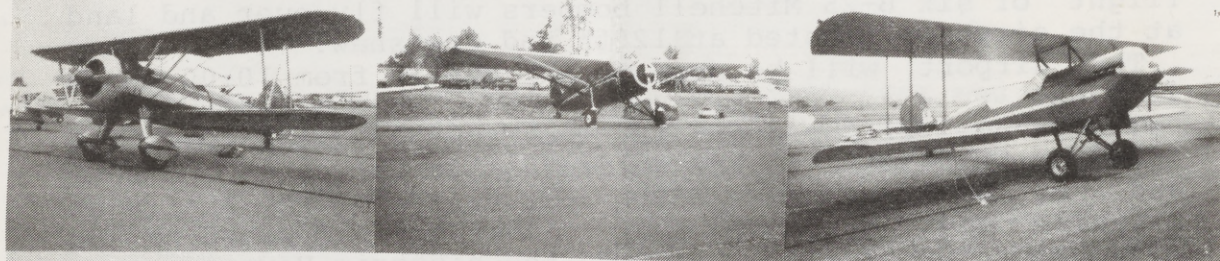
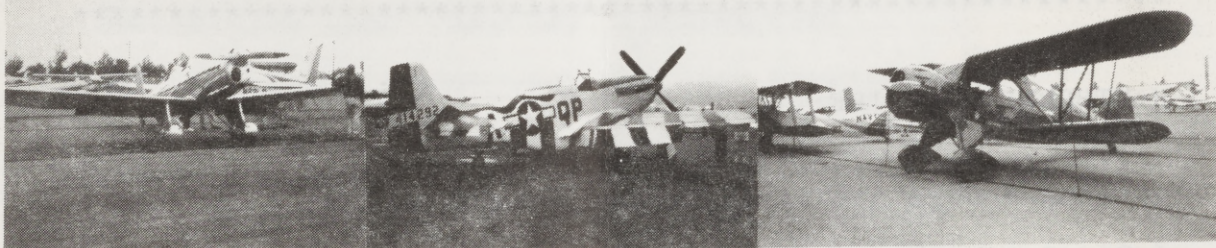
The theme of the event is "The Winning Teams" featuring special tributes to the golden anniversaries of the P-51 and the B-25 and the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The mission control team of men and women of Jet Propulsion Lab, who performed the historic Voyager space exploration program will also be saluted.

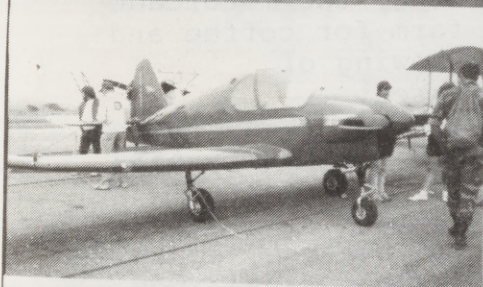
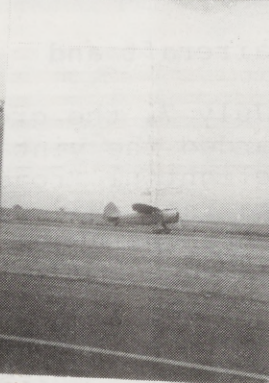
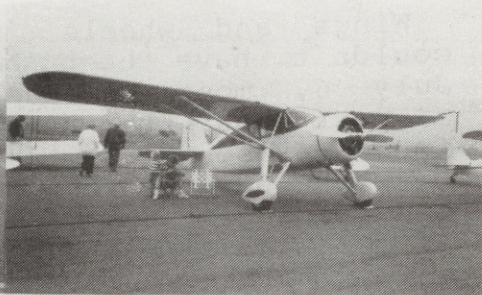
Clay Lacy, former chief test pilot of United Airlines and owner of Clay Lacy Enterprises, will lead the victory flight of P-51s in his famous "Snoopy" P-51. Other participants will include Ed maloney, Elmer Ward and Carl scholl.

Also participating in the Airfaire and flyby will be the Super K Drug-Free America Air Force under the direction of Joseph Kasparoff.

An exhibit will feature displays by Northrop, Rockwell, TRW and a variety of aviation related organizations including the FAA. There will be chili cookoffs Sat. and Sun., airplane rides, R.C. model airplane demonstrations and a variety of souvenir vendors for this family event.

There will be a display of vintage automobiles with the participation of Le Cercle Concours d'Elegance, Antique Automobile Club of America and the Horselass Carriage Club.





Santa Ynez report by Frank Compton

SANTA YNEZ WINGS AND WHEELS, 1990

Wings and wheels '90', VAAC's big event of the year couldn't have been better. By 6:00 PM Friday afternoon, July 6, most of the aircraft had arrived at Santa Ynez airport and the vintage cars and military vehicles had found a berth at the string of motels along highway 246 between Buellton and Santa Ynez.

296 people attended the three day event, arriving in:

- 42 classic/antique cars,
- 17 military vehicles,
- 41 vintage aircraft,
- 12 retired military aircraft and
- 24 modern aircraft.

On Saturday morning, July 7, the group gathered at Santa Ynez airport where it boarded the vintage rolling stock for an invigorating and delightful road tour through the countryside north of Santa Ynez. Mid-morning, the motorcade stopped at the Sharf Arabian Horse farm for coffee and rolls where the group enjoyed a special showing of beautiful Arabian Horses--everyone was pleased.

From the horse farm the group headed west for a way, then south through Solvang to the Nojoqui Falls County park where the motorcade stopped for rest and lunch--what a lunch!--broiled chicken with all the fixin's.

By mid-afternoon the motorcade was on the road again, heading back to the point of departure at Santa Ynez airport.

That evening, the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association prepared a 'Santa Maria Style' barbecue for the Wings and Wheels group at the EAA hangar, a really yummy event. This was followed by endless motor talk, hangar talk and a walk around the vintage cars and down the flight line at dusk.

Early Sunday morning, July 8, the group assembled for breakfast at the airport where the EAA bunch prepared a country-style breakfast (great as usual) for the group.

The weather cleared by 11:30 AM allowing the VAAC pilots to do some fly-bys and give rides to the drivers of vintage cars and military vehicles. everyone had a good time.

We owe special thanks to the automobile, military vehicle, EAA and Leo and June Gay; especially to Leo for his never-ending efforts in bringing to the VAAC group such enjoyable special events.

(Elda Nielsen prepared a similar report, and for lack of space it couldn't be printed. She also did some photography.).

New members:

Mike Brooke Talbot, Newport Beach, Ca.--Owns a T-34

Mike and Charlene Walsh, Lakewood, Ca.

Gene and Carol Morris, Roanoke, Texas

Bud Cashen, Woodland Hills, Ca.

TO ORDER NEW BADGES.....

Send \$5.00 and a name for each badge desired to Ralph Majors, 5231 Stratford Ave, Westminster, Ca., 92683. Be sure to include your return address.

These badges are for VAAC, not the ones used at Santa Ynez, but you can wear them at Santa Ynez.

Those of you who were at the last meeting at Glendale College will remember that Dr Robert Cleaves was looking for a plane to be used against White Rhino poachers in Africa. Well, we are happy to report that he found and purchased a Scout with a total of 600 hours time on it. Last word, as of 3 weeks ago it was being crated for shipment.



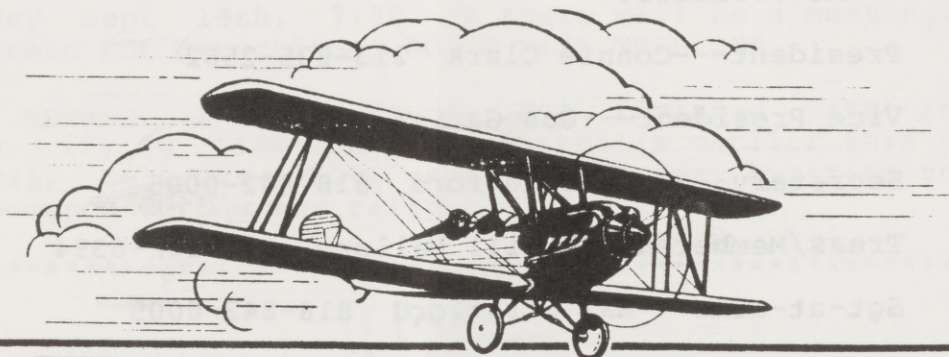
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President's message:

Leo Gay did it again! The Hawthorne Airfaire was a very impressive aviation event. There were B-25s and P-51s reminding one of what a heroic thing the airplane was in winning WW-II for our side. There was a Spitfire also present; the Rolls Royce engine of which plane having also made the P-51 what it was.

Leo did a magnificent job of getting FAA approval, having the planes inspected and approved for the formation fly-by, LAX air traffic cooperation in allowing flight over LAX and elsewhere. The Airfaire was an outstanding success.

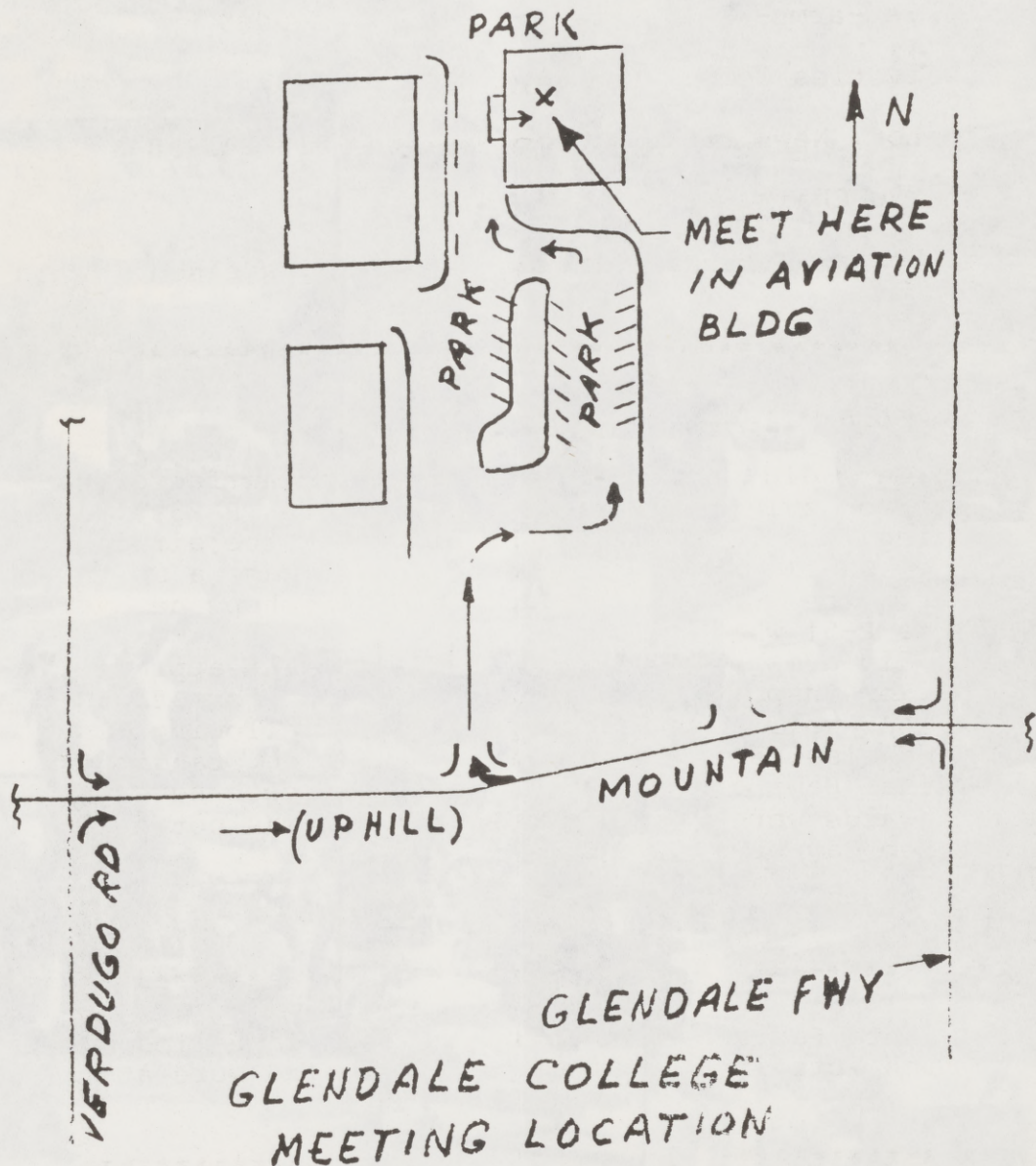
At the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday Night awards were handed out, but there was not a word about Leo Gay or the VAAC!

Note: Santa Paula hangar party has been cancelled due to too much activity elsewhere to fit it in. More at calendar.

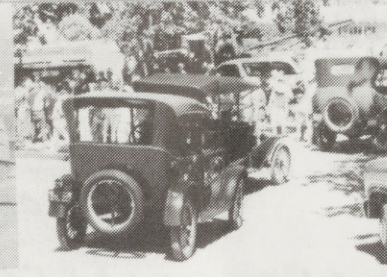
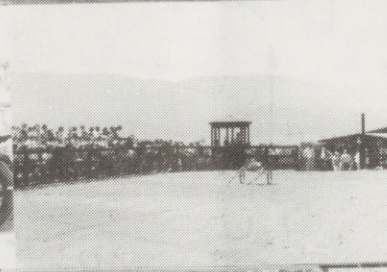
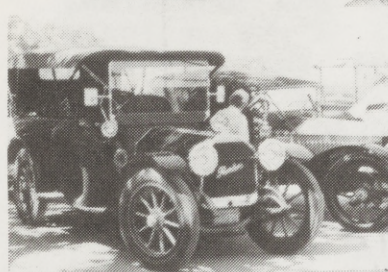
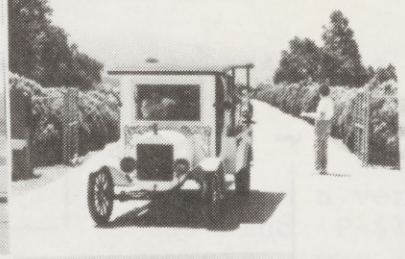
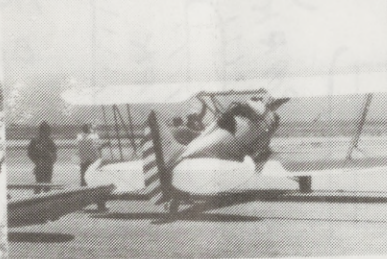
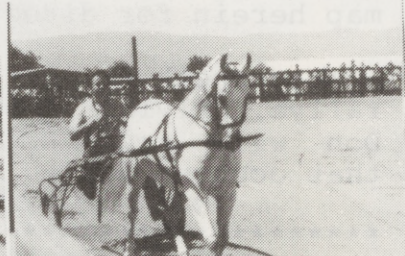
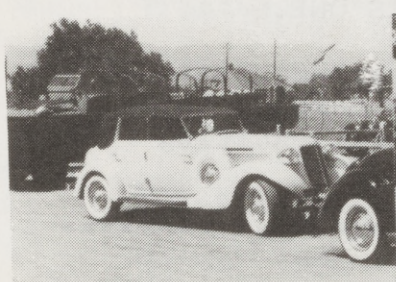
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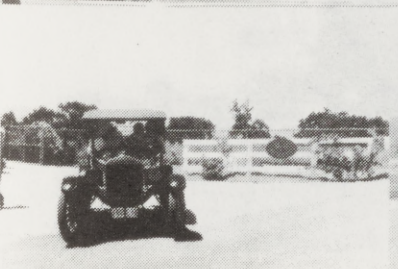
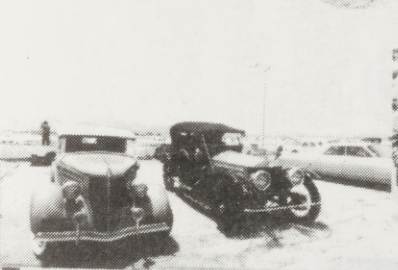
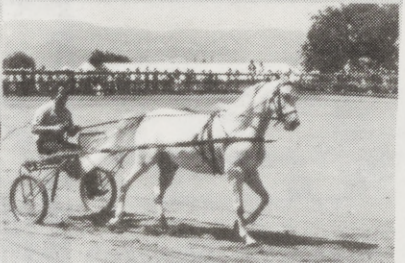
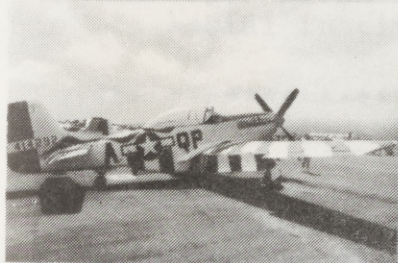
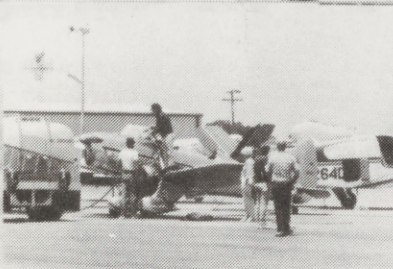
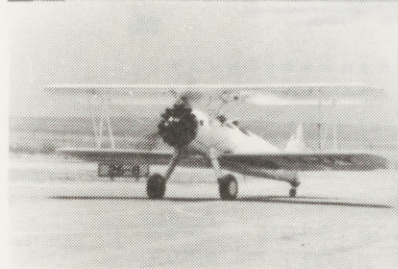
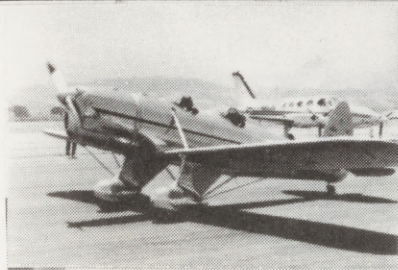
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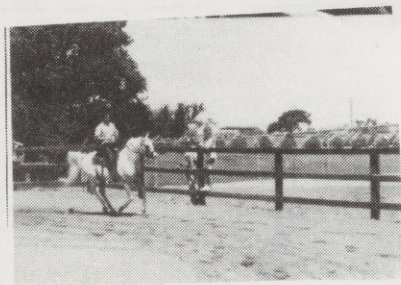
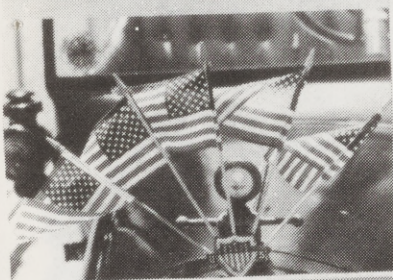
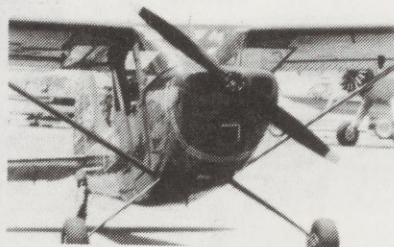
The speaker is Don Young. Don finished first in the rallye, flying from London to Australia earlier this year. Don will tell us about some of the very exciting things that occurred during the rallye.



PHOTOS OF SANTA YNEZ MEET BY MEMBER BOB KORN.







CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sept. 21,22,23----Reno air races, Reno, Nevada.

Sept. 29,30----Santa Paula Hangar Party, CANCELLED.

Dec. TBD----Christmas Party

New members:

Brad Peterson. Licensed pilot, flies radio controlled models, lives in Glendale, is an account executive with a financial institution.

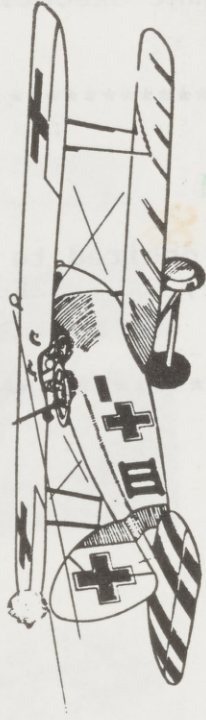
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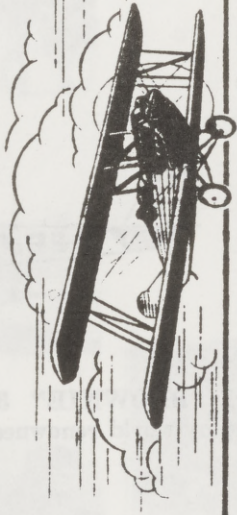
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DE-ICER: A device designed to operate under all weather conditions, except icing.



HALBERSTADT One of the top German 2-seat fighters of the period, it had monocoque wooden fuselage.

CONTROL TOWER: A small shack on stilts inhabited by government pensioners who can't hear. When they become blind they are sent to Centers.

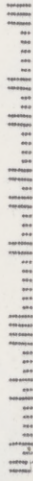


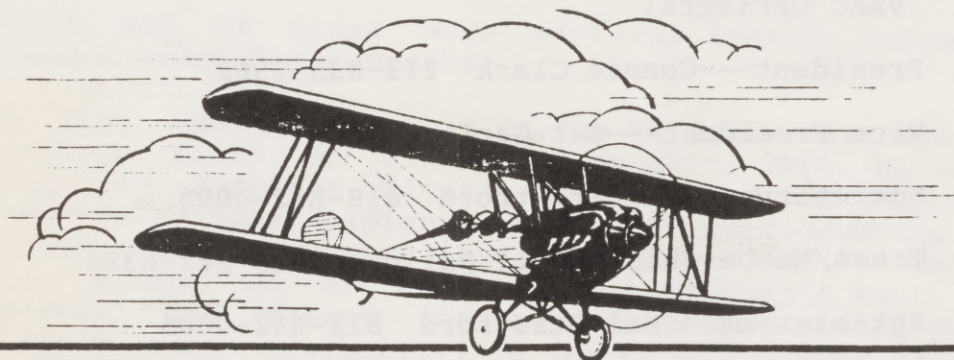
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The President's Message

The weather doesn't feel like it yet, but Fall is here, the Holidays are on the way and it's time to mark your calendar for our Christmas party to be held at Leo and June Gay's home on December 8. This is sure to be fun. We will have one more meeting this year; in November. Leo always plans interesting speakers for us and even though we will be getting into the busy time of the year, I hope we will support our club with a good attendance. See you there.
Connie.

The Christmas party

Leo and June Gay are having this year's Christmas party at their home, 1918 Florena Ct. which is off of Allanjay, which is off of Fern Lane in Glendale. The time is to be announced, but it will be on Saturday Dec. 8, 1990. The dinner will be catered, the cost to be announced.

Crash at Clear Lake

Connie and Ed Clark were at Clear Lake in Northern Calif. and witnessed the crash:

I'm sure most of you saw on the TV news, coverage of the airplane crash at Clear Lake on Sept. 29th. We were attending the Seaplane fly-in and watched it happen.

There were many Seaplanes in the air participating in water bomb drop and spot landing contests when a bomber flew in, giving us an airshow that we didn't want. He made several low passes leaving an airshow smoke trail which didn't help visibility. A few of his passes ended over land with his sharp pull-up and steep bank. One was over the Motel where the fly-in was based. Fortunately he was over the lake when he stalled and went straight in. There was a huge splash and a muffled explosion and the bomber disappeared completely in only 5 feet of water. It's hard to understand why anyone would fly like that--especially with all those people with him.

AEROSPACE WALK OF HONOR

Member, TONY LE VIER, is one of the five original test pilots named in the new Aerospace Walk of Honor on Lancaster Boulevard in Lancaster. The six foot tall monuments, one for each pilot, was unveiled September 23rd.

LE VIER, as a civilian, is credited with the first flight to exceed 1,000 mph in a jet powered aircraft. He invented the Master Caution Warning light system safety and performance components. He was employed by Lockheed for 30 years. He has flown more untested aircraft than any other pilot. Tony is still active in promoting safety in aviation at all levels of flying.

Other test pilots included in the walk of fame for flight pioneers are JAMES DOOLITTLE, CHUCK YEAGER, SCOTT CROSSFIELD and PETE KNIGHT. These airmen are also honored in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio. Plans are in the making for a museum at Edwards Air Force Base as well as other attractions to join the town of Lancaster to the Edwards area in an Aerospace Heritage Trail.

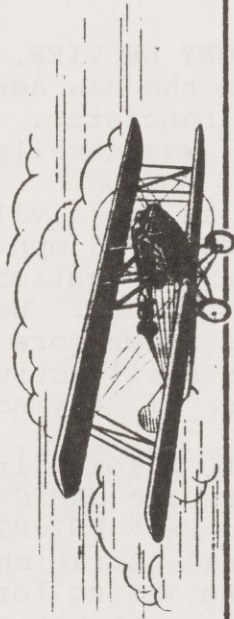
New member: Jim Baker, Rancho PalóS Verdes

Al Kiefer's Aeronca Chief has been purchased by Dan Nelson and is now at Torrance Airport. We understand that Dan is very happy with the airplane and it's good to still have it in the area.

For those of you who knew him-you might not have heard that George Wing passed away recently. One of his many accomplishments was designing and building the Derringer, which is a two place twin.

Watch for the movie "Memphis Belle", to be released this month. Filmed in England, it is the story of one B-17 bomber crew during WW-II. This is a movie that everyone should enjoy.

It was't mentioned in the last newsletter but that was Frank Compton flying his red Harvard at the Hawthorne Airfaire.



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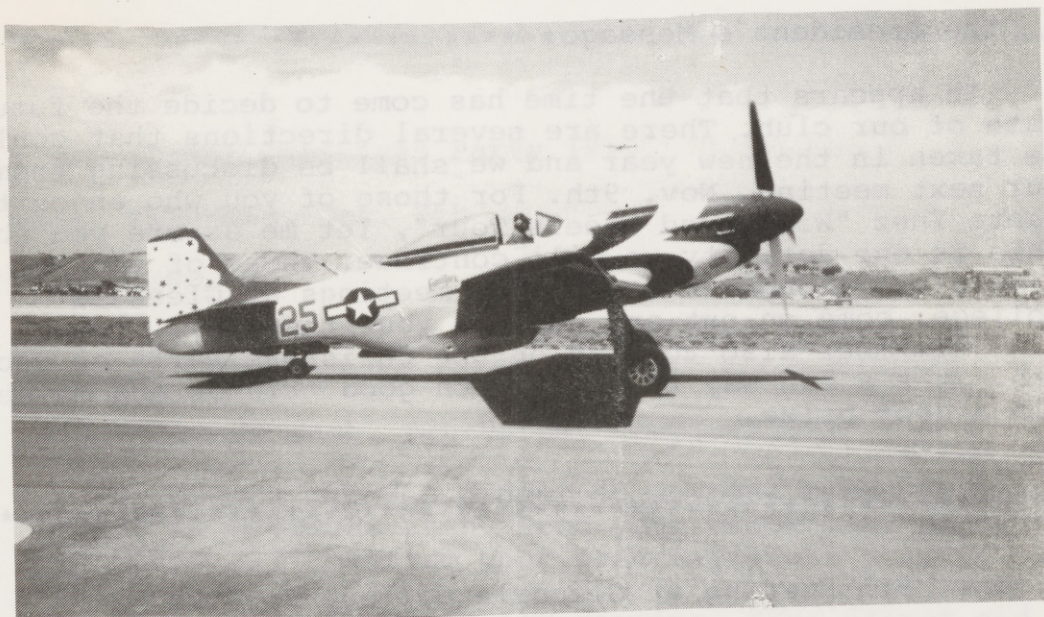


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The President's Message:

It appears that the time has come to decide the future path of our club. There are several directions that could be taken in the new year and we shall be discussing them at our next meeting, Nov. 9th. For those of you who enjoy the Santa Ynez "Wings and Wheels Tour", let me assure you that this is one activity we will continue. Those of you who live close enough to attend the meetings at Glendale College, come on out and give us your thoughts.

Remember also to plan on the Christmas Party on Dec. 8th. It's a fun way to visit with good friends and maybe win a door prize.

Nov. 9th Meeting at Glendale College 7:30 PM

This will be an important meeting; please plan to attend it. We will be electing officers for 1991. If you want the club to continue we must have your support-a club is only as strong as its members make it. We would like your input as to the events you would like to see in 1991.

At the meeting there will be a videotape half-hour of "the Memphis Belle" movie. After this there will be a 15 Min. videotape interview of the original crew of the "Memphis Belle" B-17.

Events established so far:

Santa Ynez 1991.

This club and the Horseless Carriage Club are working on the 1991 event; the date in July should be in the next newsletter.

Hawthorne Airfaire Aug 24th & 25th

Planning is well along for the '91 event. The theme is "Knights of the Sky". We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Man in Space and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the TBM Avenger, the aircraft that President Bush flew in WW-II. We also hope to have many of the aces from WW-II.

The annual Christmas Party 1990

When: Saturday, Dec. 8th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: June and Leo Gay's house 1918 Florina Ct., Glendale 91208, phone (818) 244 9787 after 6:00 PM

Cost: \$10:00 each, \$20.00 per couple(BYOB)

This is a catered dinner so we MUST know how many are coming by NOVEMBER 24th. Send your check made out to JUNE GAY. This will confirm your reservation.

There will be music for dancing, door prizes and lots of goodies. Please come and help us celebrate the Holidays.
June.

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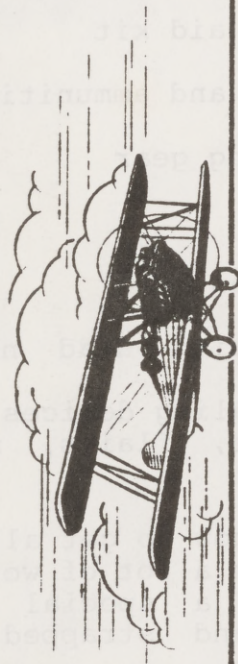
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Here is continuation of Dave Davidson's letter:

The last item in planning this flight was the required survival gear. There are some differences for Canadian flight versus Alaskan but the following covers both countries' requirements:

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| 1. Emergency locator transmitter | 11. Sleeping bag |
| 2. Food | 12. Tent |
| 3. Axe | 13. Cooking utensils |
| 4. First aid kit | 14. Stove |
| 5. Rifle and ammunition | 15. Compass (portable) |
| 6. Fishing gear | 16. Saw |
| 7. Knife | 17. Shovel |
| 8. Matches | 18. Snare wire |
| 9. Mosquito head net | 19. Survival book |
| 10. Signaling devices smoke, flairs, mirror | 20. Conspicuity panel (also inflatable air mattress) |

Oh boy! how to get all this gear into my Bi-plane? well I did it with a lot of work figuring where each item should go. I made a special cardboard box for my rifle and ammunition and strapped it to the right side frame of my front cockpit.



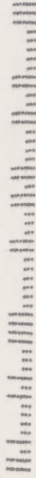
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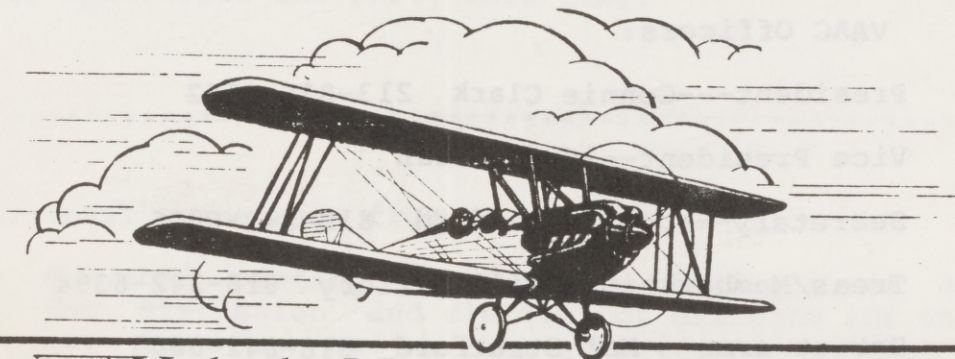
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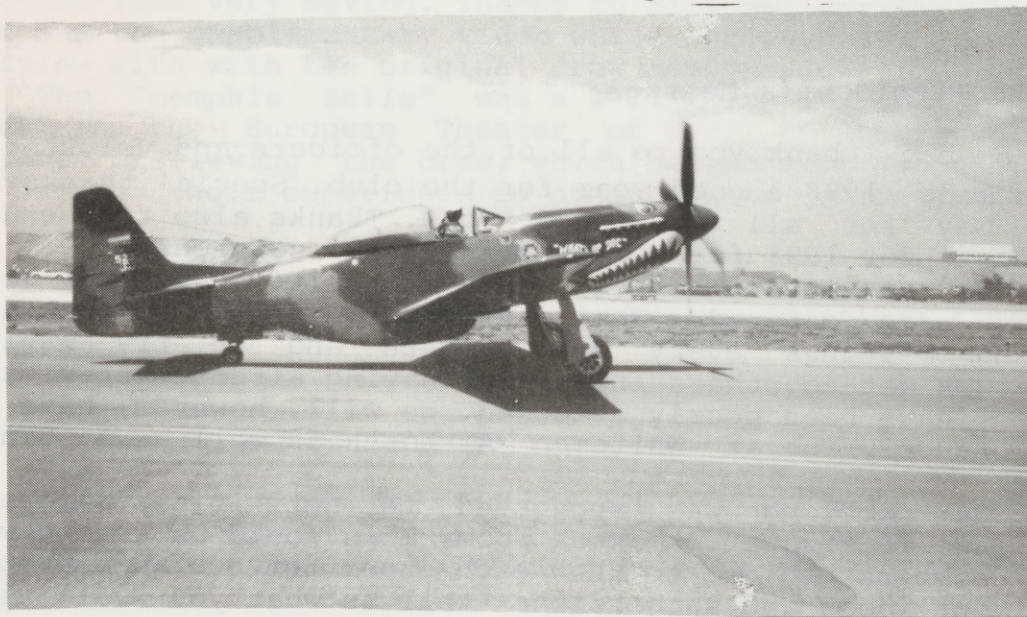
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Cookie Chair.---June Gay 818-244-9787

Historian---Michael Rothman and Jerry Nielsen

The President's Message:

A big thank you to all of the officers and volunteers who made 1990 a good year for the club. Special thanks to Leo Gay for all his hard work. Thanks also to the new officers for 1991 for volunteering their services.

Our November meeting was very positive and many good ideas were offered. The decision was made to continue having meetings every other month and to try having pot-luck get-togethers instead of having airport activities which have been poorly attended. We will, however, have an airport fly-in at Whiteman Airport as well as at Santa Ynez.

Car pooling was suggested for activities; aircraft pooling if there is extra room. This would be a good way for members to get to know each other better. We are open to your ideas and suggestions--tell us what you would like to participate in. Come to the Christmas Party!

SPECIAL NOTE: Don and Geri Snyder are NOT having their New Year's open house and party this time.

Additional commentary from Connie Clark:

The November meeting at Glendale College was an occasion for discussion and election of officers for the coming year. Leo Gay had a nice surprise for us with a videotape of the Hawthorne Air Faire covering many years of the Air Faire briefly. There was great coverage of this year's activities with the P-51s and B-25 bombers that were on display and then flew in formation throughout the Los Angeles area commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Take-offs and landings were very impressive.

The original movie of the "Memphis Belle", done by the War Department, was also shown. While more of a documentary than the "Memphis Belle" now in the theaters, it was never-the-less very moving. Thanks to Bill Mallory for this video and the supplementary video which included an interview with with the original crew members.

The "Memphis Belle" was a B-17 which was the first bomber in the European Theater of WW-II to complete 25 missions, relieving the crew, which became instructors to pass along their experience to other up-and-coming crews.

Al Kiefer's Aeronca Chief:

Al's Aeronca has been sold again and has been moved to Exeter Airport near Porterville. The new owner and his student pilot daughter will both be enjoying the airplane now.

4 The following are the Minutes of the Meeting at Glendale College, November 9th, 1990:

Presideny Connie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

New member Don Armstrong introduced his grandson Brian who is interested in aviation.

No minutes of the last meeting were available.

Bill Mallory gave the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$2,220.12 as of this date. Bill has new application forms for for membersnip. He plans to make a roster of members (giving an opportunity to those who do not wish to be listed to say so). Bill sent letters to 91 members whose dues had lapsed and he has received many responses. Dues run from January to December and are due now.

OLD BUSINESS: If you haven't sent in your check for the Christmas Party, turn it in now. \$10.00 per person.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The main purpose for this meeting is to discuss the board's concern about the lack of attendance at meetings and activities. Several suggestions were made by attendees. Instead of airport activities, an alternative is to have potlucks at members' homes. The Santa Ynez and Christmas activities will be kept.

A tentative 1991 schedule was set up:

January--General meeting at Glendale College.
February--Pot luck at the Johnson's (Fullerton).
March--General meeting at Glendale College.
April--Whiteman Swap Meet at Marc Herman's hangar.
May--General Meeting At Glendale College.
June--Pot Luck at the Stratfords' (Burbank).
July--Santa Ynez Wings 'n Wheels (12th,13th,14th).
August--Open (Hawthorne Air Faire).
September--General meeting at Glendale College.
October--Open
November--General meeting at Glendale College.
December--Christmas Party

Other suggestions included:

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-Carpooling to events; have one person designated to receive calls and coordinate; put his phone number in the newsletter.

-Share our calendar with other groups such as the Angeles Antiquers.

-Put the entire calendar in the newsletter every month, on the first page so it is easily read.

2. Nominations for officers for 1991:

The following slate was voted on:

- President---Connie Clark
- Vice President---Phil Doctor
- Secretary---Ceci Stratford
- Treasurer---Bill Mallory
- Sergeant-at-arms---Mal Stratford

Other positions were discussed:

-Newsletter Editor---We need someone to write it. Bob Nielsen will type it. June Gay volunteered to fold and stamp it for mailing.

-Cookie Chair.---June Gay volunteered to continue

ACTIVITIES were announced by Lro Gay:

-Santa Ynez---July 12,13 and 14

-Hawthorne---August 24 and 25

We broke for refreshments at 9:10 PM

Program:

-Video on Hawthorne Air Faire

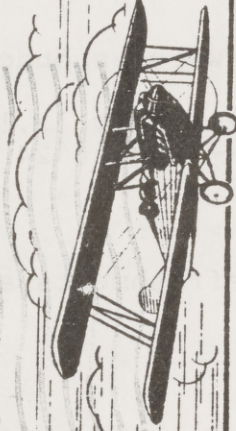
-Video on Air Corps' original movie "Memphis Belle"

Respectfully Submitted, Ceci Stratford
Recording Secretary.

Special note: January general meeting at Glendale College
will feature Paul Metz, Chief Test Pilot--Northrop ATF,
date Jan. 18th. //

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